



Meeting Agenda

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Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 7 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Secretary's Old Business Report

3. Treasurer's Report

4. Jones House Report

- Dale planning on painting of front porch and Carriage House in May
- Will investigate relaying brick sidewalk

5. Yost House Report

- All 3 house tours resume in May

6. Strevell House Report

- Jo Kilgore and Ron Baker finished filling new bookcases with donated Lincoln Books
- Dale applied and received new \$1,500 grant from Enbridge
- Dale planning on replacing restroom exterior window frame in May

7. Artifact Management

- ISU student Will Fick continuing inventory in Pontiac City Council basement
- He will give presentation on his unusual finds at April Society meeting

8. Future Work with Pontiac High School Students

- Ron Baker met with Brad Christie, the chair of the Social Studies Dept at PTHS
- He is interested in several future projects between Society and students
- Ron Baker can update us at the April meeting

9. Historical Presentations to Other Community Groups

- Dale Maley gave two talks in last week
- Franklin Oliver talk to Ford County Historical Society, 20+ attendees
- Country School talk to Bloomington teacher's group, 75+ attendees

10. Preservation of Fairbury Blade newspapers

- 5 years ago, Blade closed office in Fairbury and gave Fairbury Echoes Museum printed bound books from 1880 to 2000



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- Leader/Blade now selling Pontiac building at auction in April
- Gannett gave Blade books from 2001-2020 on long-term lease free of charge
- Books have been moved from Pontiac to Fairbury Echoes Museum

11. Digitization of Pontiac Daily Leader

- Pantagraph has been digitized for many years under Newspapers.com annual subscription business model. \$60 annual fee per user. No conversion cost of microfilm to web pages.
- Fairbury Blade digitized about 5 years ago under Dominy Leader, free of charge to users. Donations covered \$10,000 fee to convert microfilm to web pages, small annual fee to Library
- Chatsworth Plaindealer digitized, but very difficult to word search
- Dave Sullivan and Dale Maley starting preliminary feasibility investigation of digitizing the Leader. Will bring project to Board when basic details figured out.
- Will need permission from owner, Gannett

12. New Business

- Who can do refreshments at April meeting?
- April Meeting to be Will Fick on his unusual findings in basement of Pontiac City Hall
- May Meeting.....Potluck at Strevell House

13. Historical Presentation

- History of Livingston County Land Purchases* by Dale C. Maley

14. Snacks and Beverage Session after Presentation

15. Next meeting Thursday April 21, 2022

- Will Fick will be featured speaker
- Light refreshments by ??